

(2) A description of the proposed alternatives. The description will be sufficiently detailed to enable evaluation of the range of impacts that may be caused by the proposed action and alternatives. The amount of detail that is sufficient will depend on the stage of the development of the proposal, its magnitude, and its similarity to other actions with which participants may be familiar.

(3) A tentative identification of "any public environmental assessments and other environmental impact statements that are being or will be prepared that are related to but are not part of the scope of the impact statement under consideration" (40 CFR 1501.7(a)(5)).

(4) Any additional scoping issues or limitations on the EIS, if not already described during the preliminary phase.

(d) The public involvement may begin with the NOI to publish an EIS. The NOI may indicate when and where a scoping meeting will take place and whom to contact to receive preliminary information. The purpose of the scoping meeting is to be an informal public meeting. It is a working session where the gathering and evaluation of information relating to potential environmental impacts can proceed.

(e) Starting with the above information, the person conducting the scoping process will use input from any of the involved or affected parties. This will aid in developing the conclusions. The proponent determines the final scope of the EIS. If the proponent chooses not to require detailed treatment of significant issues or factors in the EIS, in spite of relevant technical or scientific objections by any participant to the contrary, the proponent will clearly identify (in the environmental consequences section of the EIS) the criteria that were used to eliminate such factors from detailed consideration.

§ 651.39 The final phase.

(a) The scope used in the preparation of DEIS consists of the determinations made by the proponent during and after the public interaction phase of the process, as follows:

(1) The scope and the significant issues for detailed analysis in the EIS (40

CFR 1501.7(a)(2)). To determine the scope of EISs, the proponent will consider three types of actions, alternatives, and impacts.

(2) The three actions (other than unconnected single actions) are as follows:

(i) Connected actions, that are closely related and should be discussed in the same impact statement. Actions are connected if they automatically trigger other actions that may require EISs, cannot or will not proceed unless other actions are taken previously or simultaneously, are interdependent parts of a larger action, and depend on the larger action for their justification.

(ii) Cumulative actions, when viewed with other proposed actions, have cumulatively significant impacts and should be discussed in the same impact statement.

(iii) Similar actions, that have similarities that provide a basis for evaluating their environmental consequences together, such as common timing or geography, may be analyzed in the EIS. Agencies should do so when the best way to assess such actions is to treat them in a single EIS.

(3) The three alternatives are as follows:

(i) No action.

(ii) Other reasonable courses of action.

(iii) Mitigation measures (not in the proposed action).

(4) The three types of impacts are as follows:

(i) Direct.

(ii) Indirect.

(iii) Cumulative.

(5) Identification and elimination from detailed study of issues that are not significant or have been covered by prior environmental review. This narrows the discussion of these issues to a brief presentation of why they will not have a significant effect on the human environment. It may also provide a reference to their coverage elsewhere. (40 CFR 1501.7(a)(3)).

(6) Allocation of assignments for preparation of the EIS among the lead and any cooperating agencies, with the lead agency retaining responsibility for the statement. (40 CFR 1501.7(a)(4)).

(7) Indication of any public EAs and other EISs, prepared by the Army or

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another Federal agency, related to, but not part of, the EIS under consideration. (40 CFR 1501.7(a)(5)).

(8) Identification of any other environmental review and consultation requirements so the lead and cooperating agencies may prepare other required analyses and studies concurrently with the EIS. (40 CFR 1501.7(a)(6)).

(b) As part of the scoping process the lead agency may—

(1) Set time limits, as provided in § 651.12(b), if they were not already indicated in the preliminary phase.

(2) Prescribe overall page limits to the EIS in accordance with the CEQ regulations that emphasize conciseness.

(c) All determinations reached by the proponent during the scoping process will be clearly conveyed to the preparers of the EIS in a Scope of Statement. The Scope of Statement will be made available to participants in the scoping process and to other interested parties on request. Any conflicts on issues of a scientific or technical nature that arise between the proponent and scoping participants, cooperating agencies, other Federal agencies, or preparers of the document will be identified during the scoping process and resolved or discussed by the proponent in the DEIS.

§ 651.40 Aids to information gathering.

The proponent may use or develop graphic or other innovative methods to aid information gathering, presentation, and transfer during the three scoping phases. These include methods for presenting preliminary information to scoping participants, obtaining and consolidating input from participants, and organizing its own determinations on scope for use during preparation of the DEIS.

§ 651.41 Modifications of the scoping process.

(a) If a lengthy period exists between a decision to prepare an EIS and the time of preparation, the proponent will initiate the NOI at a reasonable time in advance of preparation of the DEIS. The NOI will state any tentative conclusions regarding the scope of the EIS made prior to publication of the NOI. Reasonable time for public participation will be allowed before the pro-

ponent makes any final decisions or commitments on the EIS.

(b) The proponent of a proposed action may use scoping during preparation of environmental review documents other than EIS, if desired. The proponent may use the above procedures or may develop modified procedures at his or her discretion.

Subpart H—Environmental Effects of Major Army Actions Abroad

§ 651.42 Introduction.

Protection of the environment is an Army priority, no matter where the installation is located. The Army is committed to pursuing an active role in addressing environmental quality issues in our relations with neighboring communities and assuring that consideration of the environment is an integral part of all decisions. This subpart assigns responsibilities for review of environmental effects abroad of major Army actions. It is a requirement of E. O. 12114, "Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions," dated 4 January 1979. This chapter applies to HQDA and Army agencies' actions that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment outside the United States.

§ 651.43 Global commons.

Environmental effects of actions that affect the global commons require environmental analyses and documentation. (See enclosures 1 and 2 of DOD Directive 6050.7) (Appendices G and H.) These relate to environmental effects abroad of major military actions.

§ 651.44 Army policy in global commons and foreign nations.

(a) Act with care in the global commons. All the nations of the world share the stewardship of these areas. Take account of environmental considerations when acting in the global commons in accordance with the procedures set out in Appendix G.

(b) Act with care within the jurisdiction of a foreign nation. Respect treaty obligations and the sovereignty of other nations. Exercise restraint in applying U.S. laws within foreign nations unless Congress has expressly provided otherwise. Evaluate environmental